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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

First Meeting
4 June 1946
4:30 P. M. - 5:45 P. M.

Minutes

Present:

Messrs: Langer, SA-L (Chairman)
Braden, A-Br
Russell, A-R
Matthews, A-D (for Mr. Dunn)
Evans, OCL (Executive Secretary)

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1. Schedule of Meetings

The Chairman proposed that the Committee adopt a schedule of regular meetings.

ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously to meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 P. M.

2. By-Laws

The Chairman submitted for discussion a schedule of proposed By-Laws for the Committee.

ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the proposed schedule which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

3. Appointment of Executive Secretary

The Chairman explained that in previous conversation with members of the Committee he had ascertained that the nomination of Mr. Allan Evans as Executive Secretary would be agreeable to them. Since that time, Mr. Evans had been designated to succeed Mr. Kent as Acting Director of the Office of Intelligence Coordination and Liaison. Although Mr. Evans would act as Executive Secretary in the

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present session, it would be necessary soon to designate some other person as permanent incumbent of the position. The Committee agreed to defer action.

4. Progress of the Plan for Organization of Intelligence Research

The Chairman reported in general terms on progress in the implementation of the new intelligence organization for the Department. The basic problem was to coordinate the interests of the Geographic Offices and of other elements in the Department. While the allocation of research divisions to the Geographic Offices took care of one part of the problem, there remained the complex task of effecting Departmental integration. A survey, however, had revealed that favorable and cooperative understanding existed in all offices as a basis for integrating coordination. In detail, the intelligence staffs had completed functional descriptions for structural charts, and were now at work on the final stage of allocating positions and personnel to all parts of the new organization. The Chairman emphasized the importance of recognizing that the plan is designed to furnish intelligence services to all parts of the Department and to other agencies, and he stressed the need to develop relations with the National Intelligence Authority in a manner to meet the Department's interests and responsibilities. During the brief discussion Mr. Braden spoke strongly of the necessity for effective participation in the National Intelligence procedures.

5. Subcommittee on Programs and Priorities.

The Chairman submitted for discussion a draft directive establishing a Subcommittee on Programs and Priorities, with By-Laws for its operation. Mr. Matthews suggested that Offices might profitably send two representatives each, but the Committee agreed that, to keep down numbers and to encourage initiative and confidence in the members, each Office should, as originally planned, send only one representative.

ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed text as ACI Directive No. E. The text is attached hereto.

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6. Special Security Provisions for Intelligence Staff

The Chairman explained that special security regulations appropriate to an intelligence operation were being prepared for circulation. There remained, however, the problem of publication, public speaking, and teaching by members of the intelligence research staff, for the control of which no adequate machinery existed. The Committee agreed that for full security of intelligence sources, for the prevention of undue administrative burdens, and to prevent misuse of working time, such activities should be disapproved.

ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously that members of the intelligence research staff should neither publish papers nor deliver speeches on subjects in the fields of current politics or international relations, and should not undertake teaching work in leisure time. Exceptions could be authorized by Office Chiefs, but only under special circumstances.

7. Attachment of Military Personnel to Consulates.

The Chairman submitted for discussion a correspondence which had been proceeding since before his incumbency between his office and the War and Navy Departments on a proposal from those Departments for the appointment of military and naval personnel to certain consulates.

ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously that this matter was one which should appropriately be referred to the Secretary's Staff Committee.

VERIFIED:

Alma Lewis
Executive Secretary

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